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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN FUGITIVES BARE AND HICIANO EXTRADITED TO  
THE UNITED STATES

REF: A. STATE 73990  
¶B. STATE 72148

¶1. On October 18, U.S. Marshals returned Luciano Bare and Virgilio Hiciano to the United States to appear before the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York: Bare, to be sentenced following conviction on charges of federal food stamp fraud, which, as detailed in indictment number 97-1193 (JG), filed on December 23, 1997, resulted in illegal gains in excess of 350,000 USD (REF B); and Hiciano, for trial on charges of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute fifty grams or more of cocaine base (crack), as detailed in indictment number 06 Cr. 265-DLI-SMG, filed April 19, 2006 (REF A). Of special note is the return of Hiciano, who admitted following his initial arrest to distributing in excess of 438 kilograms of crack cocaine in the metropolitan New York City area (a minimum of 150 grams daily for the 8 years preceding his arrest).

¶2. The Bare and Hiciano cases were brought before the Dominican government on May 29, 2007, and June 12, 2007, respectively, by virtue of Embassy diplomatic notes. Following these requests, the Criminal Chamber of the Dominican Supreme Court issued provisional arrest warrants. On October 13, 2007, and pursuant to these warrants, both fugitives were apprehended individually by officers of the Dominican Republic's National Directorate for Drug Control's fugitive apprehension unit.

¶3. Both Bare and Hiciano subsequently made knowing, intelligent, and voluntary waivers of their right to challenge extradition before the Criminal Chamber of the Dominican Supreme Court.

¶4. The return of Bare and Hiciano brings to a total of 19 Dominican-national fugitives returned through or in lieu of extradition proceedings during CY-2007 (a total of 3 for FY-2008).

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